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Dewey Reeves has been elected as the president of the Westland Police and Fire Civil Service Commission. He was appointed to the commission in July.

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Records refute claims of rising crime

Recent campaign claims of increased crime in Westland have been disproven by official statistics from the Public Safety Department.

According to those official reports, which are submitted to the FBI as part of national statistical reporting, crime in the City of Westland has decreased in nearly every reporting category.

Mayoral candidate Kevin Coleman has cited increasing crime in the city, particularly robberies, as a pillar of his political campaign.

According to Deputy Chief of Police Brian Miller who maintains the statistics for the department, statistics show that "robberies in the city have dropped quite a bit during the past 3 years."

Coleman, however, claims that armed robbery and neighborhood crime have increased and that property crime along with violent crime is now "double the rate of Livonia."

Reported statistics from Neighborhoodscout.com indicate that property crime in Livonia is at 20.31 while Westland is at 21.48 per 100,000 population.

Burglaries in the city have decreased from 362 in 2013 to 300 last year while larcenies have decreased from 1,358 to 1,249 during the past three years. Thefts of motor vehicles decreased from a rate of 234.7 to 195.3. The robbery rate in 2013 in the city was 112.7 per 100,000 population which decreased to an 83.0 rate in 2016. Aggravated assaults decreased from 203 to 166 during the same time frame. The overall violent crimes reported in the city went from 366 in 2013 to 298 last year, a decrease in the statistical rate from 443.3 to 365.1.

"Both violent and property crime have decreased in our city. It is unfortunate that my opponent has chosen to spread fear, especially among our senior citizens, as his political narrative," said Mayor William R. Wild. He called Coleman's claims a "false narrative."

While Coleman claims his perceived increase in crime is based on fewer officers in the department, statistics and Miller refute that claim.

Miller said that the decrease in both property and violent crime in Westland could be attributed to a program adopted during 2010-2011, after the city implemented a buyout program in both the police and fire department. To offset those departmental personnel reductions, he said, the city adopted the Police Service Aide Program, which he credits for putting more officers on the street and actually increasing manpower in the department.

Following the housing crisis and recession beginning in 2008, Westland saw a nearly 40 percent reduction in local tax revenue in the 2009-2010 budget, according to city records. That decrease in overall city funding necessitated staffing cuts including the buyout incentive and the implementation of the police service aide program in the city, Wild said.

"The city council and I worked with the police unions to downsize staff city-wide," Wild said. "We faced a serious financial crisis with the loss of tax revenue. We had 421 city employees

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Plymouth Township honors home town 'heroes'

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township firefighters, police officers and civilian employees were honored for their heroism, dedication and years of service in the first-ever Plymouth Township Public Safety Appreciation Dinner last week.

More than 150 residents, family members and local dignitaries attended the event at The Inn at St. John's in an effort to provide some long-deserved public recognition to the township heroes. The awards dinner was an effort fostered by the township Citizens Public Safety Council Chair Susan Bondie and the 10-member volunteer team.

"The police and fire are all one team. This is a team effort," said Police Chief Tom Tiderington.

Recent events across the country have drawn public safety into sharp focus, as first responders are in the news almost daily, officials noted. A new township administration took a closer look at the people and dedication which comprise the police and fire services and acknowledged the need to officially recognize the efforts of the public safety department, an official noted.

The event was supported and funded by contributions from local businesses like The Inn at St. John's, car dealers, and law firms along with the police and fire unions. "Tonight we join the folks like you who get up every day to protect lives, family and property," said Township Supervisor Kurt Heise.

Plymouth Township honored Ofc. Brad Bartram, left, as Police Officer of the Year and Christopher Smith as Firefighter of the Year at an official ceremony last week. Photo by Don Howard.

Tiderington and Fire Chief Dan Phillips saluted four retirees from the police department and three from the fire department. One police officer, Lt. Robert Antal, was leaving after 36 years of service, while retiring K-9 Ofc. Steve Cheston has served for 25years. Retiring officers John Drake and Marcy Linton were also recognized. Linton was also honored with a community service award as was Police Service Aide Cynthia Fell.

Captain Charlie Mann, Lt. Rick Tefend and Cpt. Daniel Atkins retired from the fire department this year.

"The three retirees from our department represented a combined total 75 years of service to the township," said Phillips.

In addition to awards for life saving, merit, longevity and community service, the two chiefs paid tribute to the 18 fallen Michigan officers and 18 fallen firefighters in 2016 and 2017 with a moment of silence. Guests received traditional black wristbands with a "…thin blue line representing the thin line police officers walk daily between life and death. The thin blue line on black serves as a memorial for fallen officers," Tiderington explained.

Tiderington presented the Police Officer of the Year Award to Ofc. Brad Bartram.

"Officer Bartram is one of the select individuals who does a great job every single day and reflects on 99 percent of what a police officer represents."

Phillips presented the Firefighter of the Year Award to Firefighter Christopher Smith. "Firefighter Smith, 32, grew up in Redford Township and joined the U.S. Border Patrol in 2009. The township hired Smith in 2012 as part-time firefighter. Phillips said because of his exemplary service Smith was asked to join the fire department full-time in 2014.

"Firefighter Smith joined the Western Wayne County Hazardous Materials Response Team in 2014 and the Michigan Task Force One team in 2015. Smith is currently training as a Paramedic Instructor Coordinator and is responsible for developing the Plymouth Township CPR Citizens training program," Phillips said.

The Civilian of the Year award was presented to Cheri Gordon.

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Police patrols increased at vacant hospital site

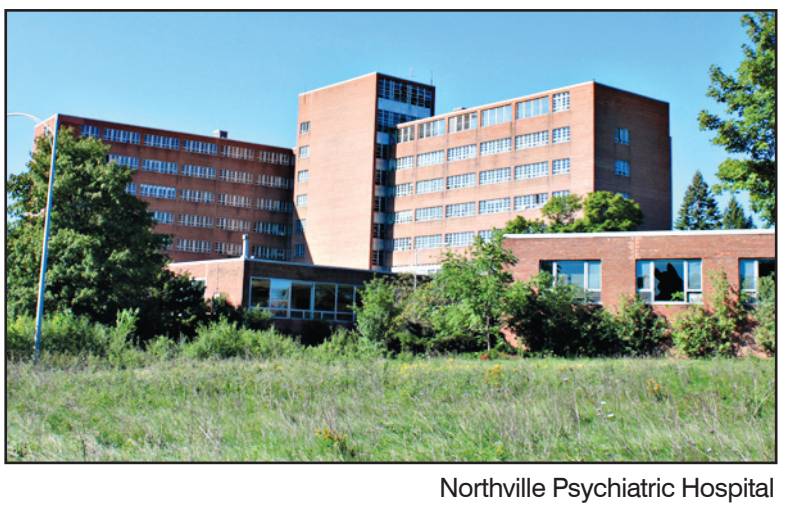
Northville Township Police have increased patrols at the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property and have officially adopted a zero tolerance policy toward any trespassing at the site on Seven Mile Road.

Northville Police Sgt. Douglas Scoggins issued a written statement explaining that the department will be strictly enforcing regulations at the hospital site.

"The Halloween season is upon us and we are aware that this attracts ghost hunters and thrill seekers," the statement read. "The Northville Township Police would like to remind the public of the dangers associated with the vacant property. The buildings within the property are not in safe operating conditions and contain asbestos, broken glass, damaged floors and damaged walls," the statement continued.

"To ensure public safety, the Northville Township Police will arrest or cite those found on the property," the release stated.

The Northville department has reported 400 arrests made this year at the former psychiatric hospital site and "will continue to enforce the law."



Northville Psychiatric Hospital

Trespassing is a misdemeanor offense that carries a penalty of up to a $500 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail.

Plymouth - Northville

Supervisor lauds township park improvements

Plymouth Township parks have seen a series of upgrades and improvements during the past year and Supervisor Kurt Heise credits the current board members' financial management for most of them.

Heise was quick to point out a recent decision by the members of the board of trustees who approved needed computer upgrades to the popular sprayscape water feature at McClumpha Park.

"We were literally losing thousands of dollars a year on wasted water at the sprayscape. We now have a more efficient and sustainable experience for our guests and taxpayers," Heise said.

"Despite our limited budget, we were able to make several nice upgrades to McClumpha Park and complete the punch list items at the Four-Seasons Pavilion," he added.

"I also want to thank the previous board members who approved the federally-funded ADA Playscape, which came online this year; it's been very popular for families and children."

Heise credited the long list of park improvements at the township park to the "smarter use of township funds, Wayne County parks money, private donations and grants and Federal Block Grant dollars."

Some of the improvements Heise cited included:

• New LED ball diamond lights at ball diamond #4 (fall 2017)

• New LED lights for the large parking lot (fall 2017)

• Completed repairs and unfinished items at Four-Seasons Pavilion

• New tables and improved concessions area at pavilion

• New park signage

• New computer upgrades for sprayscape

• New ADA playscape at McClumpha Park

• 12 new park benches made of recycled materials

• New flagpole and flower beds

• New AED lifesaving devices at all parks

• Enforced dawn-to-dusk hours

Heise also praised the new staff at the parks, especially the seasonal foremen who work at McClumpha Park.

"We've received a lot of positive feedback about our new staff at our parks and how they are keeping the parks looking good for our guests," said Heise. "We're changing the culture, getting back to the basics, and putting our customers first."

Northville Art House displays annual 'West of Center'

The Northville Art House is hosting the 9th Annual West of Center. This is a juried all-media exhibition featuring 32 works of art selected by Juror Brian Nelson, professor of sculpture at Eastern Michigan University. In keeping with the philosophy of bringing the community the unexpected, the exhibition includes paintings, photographs, sculpture and mixed media pieces created by 22 contemporary artists working with traditional and nontraditional media in diverse styles.

The Northville Art House will also showcase potter David Breuch, a self-taught artist and potter. Born and raised in Madison, WI, Breuch received a scholarship for combined excellence in arts and athletics. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and practicing attorney. He was drawn to raku while attending open studio times at Delta College, BBAC and Schoolcraft College.

The Art House store is open from noon until 5 p.m.Tuesday through Friday and from noon until 4 p.m. Saturdays and every First Friday of the month from 6 - 9 p.m. The store features the work of more than 40 local artists. Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission.

For more information, call 248-344-0497 or visit our website.

Awards

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Life Saving Awards were presented to police officers Steven Coffell, Bryan Rupard, Jeffrey McFarland and aide Kyle Spaulding.

Retiring Captain Atkins received two lifesaving awards, and firefighters Mark Bonadeo, Pete Bukis, Christopher Haller, James Harrell, Christopher Smith, Guy Villet, Doug Pickert and Ean Culver were also presented with lifesaving awards. Life saving awards also went to Lt. Christopher Mack, Lt. James Harrell, Lt. David Fox and Capt. Scott Gross.

Wives and families of the officers and firefighters were also recognized and honored with thunderous applause from the audience.

"We salute you, we respect you and we love you," said Heise in closing.

Notice of Public Hearing

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Special Land Use Request
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, November 15, 2017
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170
APPLICATION NO.: 2268-1017
APPLICANT: Mr. Kevin Crute

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application for a mix of special land use in the IND, Industrial district at Tax ID No. R-78-026-99-0002-705, also known as 41100 Plymouth Road. Proposed special land uses include: large scale institutional uses, including religious institutions; child care centers; commercial establishments, including a restaurant and banquet center, and hair salon/spa; indoor recreation; professional offices, including physical, occupational, speech, or similar outpatient therapy services; and the outdoor and indoor storage of vehicles, including recreation vehicles/trucks, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The property is located north of Plymouth Road, south of the C&O Railroad, east of Haggerty Road, and west of Concept Drive.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the case to Plymouth Township Hall, addressed to the Community Development Department. Pertinent information relative to the application is on file at the Plymouth Township, Community Development Department and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one weeks advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170; (734) 354-3201.

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Kendra Barberena, Secretary, Planning Commission

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – October 17, 2017

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Siegrist, Slavens, Williams Members Absent: Graham-Hudak, Sneideman Staff Present: Director Meier, Barb Caruso, Mike Steckel Staff Absent: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Trumbull. Supervisor Williams opened the meeting by asking the board to participate in this Study Session with an eye to a potential future community wide forum regarding this very important topic. **STUDY SESSION: TOPIC 1: Opioid Addiction – Understanding, Combating and Healing in Canton. (PSD) PRESENTER:** Public Safety Director – Josh Meier. PS Executive Assistant/Communications Specialist – Barb Caruso **ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS:** Deputy Director Chad Baugh Deputy Director Chris Stoecklein Deputy Chief Craig Wilsher Deputy Chief Jamie Strassner Lieutenant Mike Steckel Bruce McColley, Assistant Special Agent in Charge – Detroit Field Division – USDOJ - DEA Kurt Tyszkiewicz, Executive Director of Staffing, Student Services & Policy - PCCS Brian Spitsbergen, PhD, LLPC, CAADC – Director of Community Relations, Growth Works, Inc. Pat Stropes, CPRM, PRC, RCSS, Recovery & Community Support Specialist Community Intervention & Treatment, Growth Works, Inc. Director Meier outlined three objectives for the meeting: Understand the scope of the problem and to understand addiction What are we, as a community, doing to address the problem Opportunities for the future. The meeting opened with a video from 20/20 entitled "Breaking Point – Heroin in America" Brian Spitsbergen of Growth Works, in conjunction with several Public Safety Presenters, presented a PowerPoint to the board. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours, or by contacting the Secretary to the Clerk at 734-394-5120.) The Public Safety Department, along with several community guest presenters, provided an in-depth look into the Heroin/Opioid epidemic, specifically related to the impact it is having on the Canton community and the Canton Police & Fire Departments. Speakers discussed strategies for tackling the issues, as well as, opportunities for recovery and healing. A question and answer session involving all speakers concluded the evening. **RESOURCE LINKS:** ABC's full 20/20 special, "Breaking Point – Heroin in America" http://abc.go.com/shows/2020/episode-buide/2016-03/11-031116-breaking-point-heroin-in-america Washington Post article, "The Drug Industry's Triumph over the DEA" https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2017/investigations/dea-drug-industry-congress/?tid=a inl&.utm term=7e8a84a79747 **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Foster to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. **___Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk ___Pat Williams, Supervisor**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 7, 2017 City General Election has been scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI.
The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
City of Romulus, Michigan
November 7, 2017 November City General Election

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following offices will appear on the ballot:
City Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Seven (7) City Council Members – all offices are full terms of four (4) years ending 2021.
THE FURTHER PURPOSE of the election is to vote on the following School Proposals as presented and listed below:
ROMULUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Romulus Community Schools, Director of Business Operations, Dr. Vincent Mensah, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, MI 48174 and telephone: 734-532-1622.

PROPOSAL I.
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to levy a reduced number of mills previously authorized to be levied on all property, except property exempted by law and renews hold harmless millage that expired with the 2016 tax levy. Shall the total limitation on the hold harmless mills used for operating purposes which may be assessed against all property, except property exempted by law, in Romulus Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by 2.5 mills ($2.50 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2017 to 2026, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect from hold harmless taxes authorized herein if the millage is approved and levied in 2017 is approximately $870,000 (this is a renewal of 2.5 mills out of 5.1314 previously authorized millage that expired with the 2016 tax levy)?

YES [ ] NO [ ]

PROPOSAL II.
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Romulus Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 3 mills ($3.00 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2018 to 2027, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2018 is approximately $2,300,000?

YES [ ] NO [ ]

All electors who are registered with the City of Romulus Clerk are eligible to vote at this election. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Romulus Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

1, 7 & 10	Romulus Middle School, 37300 Wick Road
2 & 4	Halecreek Elementary School, 16200 Harrison Road
3, 8, & 9	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road
5	Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins Street
6	West Village Estates, 7040 Shawnee
11	Barth Elementary School, 38207 Barth Road
12	Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road

(All located in Romulus, MI)

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, ERIC R. SABREE, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of **September 13, 2017 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:**

WAYNE COUNTY
Wayne County, Michigan, City of Romulus

Taxing Authority	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2016	0.25 mills	2020
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022
Wayne County RESA	November 8, 2016	2 mills	2021
Romulus School District	**May, 2011**	**18 mills**	**2021 (non homestead only)**
	August, 2012	**5.1314 mills**	**2017 (homestead only)**
	November, 2008	**.75 mills**	**2018**

Eric R. Sabree, Wayne County Treasurer
Dated: September 13, 2017

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot. You may vote by absentee ballot if you:
Are unable to attend the polls without assistance;
Are 60 years of age or older;
Expect to be absent from your city for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day;
Are in jail, awaiting arraignment or trial.
Have been assigned to work as a precinct inspector in a precinct other than where you are registered; or
Are unable to attend the polls because of religious beliefs.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City of Romulus Clerk
Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office. 734-942-7540
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BELLEVILLE - CANTON

Museum prepares for Festival of Holiday trees

The Belleville Area Museum is preparing for the annual Festival of Holiday Trees when community organizations, individuals, and businesses display decorated trees or wreaths at the facility.

Museum Director Katie Dallos said she is hoping that the event again becomes a focal point of the tri-community holiday celebration. Not only does this program beautify the museum during the holidays, she said, it also serves as an excellent advertisement for businesses who donate the decorated trees.

This year the festival will continue from Tuesday, Nov. 22 through Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Each entry should have a cultural or historical holiday theme or one that is representative of each organization, Dallos said. Past themes have included an old-fashioned Christmas, Santas, gingerbread men, peppermints, patriotic red, white and blue.

Entries can be submitted in one of three categories: a floor-size artificial tree, a tabletop artificial tree with a maximum height of 3 feet or an artificial wreath with a sturdy wire attached for hanging.

All trees and wreaths should have lights, Dallos said, "since this adds to the beauty of the display. Please bring your own long extension cord(s) labeled with your name," she added.

> *This year the festival will continue from Tuesday, Nov. 22 through Wednesday, Dec. 21.*

Entries should supply the artificial tree, a tree stand, lights, decorations, tree skirt, and a decorative sign that displays the name of the donor or decorator.

"Hundreds of visitors tour the tree festival every year," Dallos said. "Our previous experience has shown that open exhibits, such as these, are usually safe. However, the museum cannot guarantee absolute security and cannot be responsible in case of loss or damage. Rare antique ornaments are not encouraged. Waivers will be required," she added.

In addition to displaying a tree, the museum also offers the option of donating a fully-decorated tree for auction. The Silent Tree Auction has proven to be an excellent way to raise money for museum sponsored programs and events, Dallos said. This year, the auction will continue from Nov. 17 -Dec. 19. Trees will be available for pick up beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 19. Those interested in participating in the Silent Auction, should contact the museum at (734) 697-1944 or by email at kdallos@provide.net. The decorating schedule is also available by calling the museum and all entry applications should be received at the museum by Nov. 15.

More information is available at the number listed above.

Canton firefighters training on new breathing equipment

This week the Canton Township Fire Department is completing final training and will begin using new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The 43 new units were purchased with an Assistance to Firefighters Grant awarded to Canton in the amount of $256,182.

The breathing tools are a critical piece of equipment as they provide a steady stream of air allowing firefighters to access smoke-filled buildings for search and rescue and firefighting purposes.

The new SCBA devices meet current National Fire Protection Agency certifications, and include built-in thermal imaging cameras-a significantly enhanced vision feature.

Deputy Fire Director Chris Stoecklein noted that, "The Canton Fire Department is continually seeking out grant funding opportunities to replace and upgrade their tools and equipment as needed."

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Westland will hold its public accuracy test on Dominion voting equipment for the November 7, 2017 City General Election on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Richard LeBlanc
Westland City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI, Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2863-C. Bevel-461 Darwin
Req. for a side yd. fence location variance and a 1'6" side yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code, to install a 6' high privacy fence in the north side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

Petition #2864-B. Chiasson-238 S. Christine
Req. for a side yd. fence location variance and a 1'6" side yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code, to install a 6' high privacy fence in the south side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 21 10/16/17

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer
173: Minutes of special meeting on 10/2/17.
- Minutes of study session held 10/2/17.
- Minutes of regular meeting held 10/16/17.
- Traffic Control Order 2017-01: Install (1) "DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY' sign-199 S. Carlson.
- Contract ext. w/ Statewide Security Transport for prisoner transport/lodging for PD: amt. $38/day.
- 1 yr. Contract ext. btwn. City of Westland & WWCS re. JGHS Police Liaison.
- Contract w/Quadrant 2 Education for management of JBCVC Learning Center; amt. $38,000.
- CDBG Budget Revision FY 2017-18:

From:	17-03	Homeowner	Rehabilitation	$10,000
	To:	18-15	Norwayne Parks	$10,000.

- Adopted NSP Resolution for disposition of 1 property.
174: Rev. Site Plan for Prop. stand-alone freezer, Wendy's Restaurant, 7956 N. Wayne Rd. w/contingencies.
175: Spec. Land Use for Prop. Convenience Store Use, 29494 Ann Arbor Trail w/contingencies.
176: Site Plan for Prop. addition to Service Station, 29494 Ann Arbor Trail w/contingencies.
177: Adopted resolution naming Lincoln-Johnson Field.
178: Adopted resolution naming Kosowski Park.
179: Adopted resolution recognizing "MI Warriors Basketball" as a non-profit operating in Westland.
180: Appr. checklist: $1,411,317.42.
Mtg. adj. at 8:44 p.m.

James Godbout
Council President
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Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF REVISED SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO BE HELD DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018 COMMENCING JANUARY 17, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 19, 2018.

To all persons interested in the meetings of the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals:

PLACE: Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING DATE	DEADLINE:
January 17, 2018	December 15, 2017
February 21, 2018	January 19, 2018
March 21, 2018	February 16, 2018
April 18, 2018	March 23, 2018
May 16, 2018	April 13, 2018
June 20, 2018	May 18, 2018
July 18, 2018	June 15, 2018
August 15, 2018	July 13, 2018
September 19, 2018	August 17, 2018
October 17, 2018	September 14, 2018
November 14, 2018	October 12, 2018
December 19, 2018	November 16, 2018

The minutes of each meeting of the regular meetings listed above will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the City Clerk's Office of the City of Westland not more than eight (8) business days after the date of said meeting.

Approved minutes of each meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the same location, not more than five (5) business days after the meeting at which the minutes of the meeting are approved.

This notice is given in compliance with Act. No. 167 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976.

Richard LeBlanc
Westland City Clerk

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
City of Westland, County of Wayne
CITY GENERAL ELECTION
November 7, 2017

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a City General Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time, the following office and proposals will be voted upon in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Mayor - Vote for one (1)
City Council - Vote for four (4)

Garden City Public Schools Proposal

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE
AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW
19.8320 MILLS FOR 5 YEARS

Romulus Community Schools Proposals

I. OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
2.5 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS
ALL PROPERTY
EXCEPT PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW

II. ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL
3 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS

Taylor School District Proposal

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
18 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS
EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE
AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW

Full text of the ballot propositions may be obtained at the administrative offices of Garden City Public Schools, 1333 Radcliff Street, Garden City, Michigan 48135-1126, telephone: (734) 762-8300, Romulus Community Schools, 36540 Grant Street, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1400, telephone: (734) 532-1602 or Taylor Public Schools, 10201 Holland Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180, telephone: (313) 295-1542.

The places of voting for the City General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 will be as follows:

Precincts	Locations
1, 13, 18 & 19	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
2, 11, 23 & 32	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
3 & 7	Stottlemyer School, 34801 Marquette
4 & 8	Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road
5, 24 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6, 9 & 10	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
12, 25, & 35	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
15	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct
16	Holliday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
17 & 37	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21 & 42	Johnson School, 8400 Hix
26 & 33	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
27 & 36	Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz
28	Burning Bush Ministries, 30355 Annapolis
30 & 31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise
34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the clerk in advance of the election.

A sample of the ballot containing the full text of ballot proposals may be obtained at the City of Westland City Clerk's Office, at ***http://www.cityofwestland.com/departments/city-clerk*** or at ***Michigan.gov/vote***.

Absent voter ballots are available through the Westland City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for ballot. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office or may be filed out and printed from the following website: ***http://www.cityofwestland.com/departments/city-clerk***

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2017. Absent Voter Ballots must be returned to the City of Westland City Clerk's Office by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, ERIC R. SABREE, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 13, 2017 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY
Wayne County, Michigan

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2016	.25 mills	2020
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022
Wayne County RESA	November 8, 2016	2 mills	2021
Garden City Schools	August, 2012	18 mills	2018 (non-homestead only)
	August, 2014	2 mills	2020
Romulus School District	May 2011	18 mills	2021 (non-homestead only)
	August 2012	5.1314 mills	2017 (homestead)
	November 2008	.75 mills	2018
Taylor School District	November 2012	18 mills	2018 (non-homestead only)
City of Westland	PA164-1877 Library	0.9477 mills	N/A
	Operating-1966	6.4834 mills	N/A
	PA359 1925 Promo	0.0335 mills	N/A
	PA345 Police/Fire	8.0 mills	N/A
	PA298-Rubbish	2.43 mills	N/A
	August 2012-Library	0.00	2021

Date: September 13, 2017

Signed: ERIC R. SABREE
Wayne County Treasurer

Richard LeBlanc
Westland City Clerk

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Wayne - Westland

Police

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in 2007 and we downsized to 275. After attrition and buyouts, we then had to lay off 10 police officers, but we have been able to bring them back and we started the Police Service Aide program that year."

Miller said the department assigned the service aides to duties that did not require a sworn officer which allowed for more police officers on patrol and "on the street."

Burglaries in the city have decreased from 362 in 2013 to 300 last year while larcenies have decreased from 1,358 to 1,249 during the past three years. Thefts of motor vehicles decreased from a rate of 234.7 to 195.3. The robbery rate in 2013 in the city was 112.7 per 100,000 population which decreased to an 83.0 rate in 2016. Aggravated assaults decreased from 203 to 166 during the same time frame.

The overall violent crimes reported in the city went from 366 in 2013 to 298 last year, a decrease in the statistical rate from 443.3 to 365.1.

"Every city experiences crime in one way or another. Whether the city chooses to hide it or shares it, is up to the individual city. The Westland Police Department is and will always be transparent. We share information and work with our community to solve crime. What separates the Westland Police Department from some other agencies is our incredible ability to solve crimes and arrest perpetrators. Our results are part our ability to work with our community and also the hard work and dedication of the staff that we employ," said Westland Chief of Police Jeff Jedrusik.

Miller said that currently, Westland employs 21 police service aides who work inside the jail and perform other duties that were formerly done by sworn officers.

"With this program, we were able to move one more officer to road patrol per shift," Miller said.

"We now have a total of 81 sworn police officers along with the 21 aides, so this is a very large department," Miller said. Those officers serve a reported population of 81,625 while in Livonia, where the population is 95,888 there are 150 sworn officers, according to the official city website.

"The statistics don't lie," Wild said. "Our police department does a great job. My opponent is pushing a false narrative. If you look at the data, his perception doesn't fit reality."

Reeves elected as director of Civil Service Commission

Dewey Reeves has been elected as the president of the Westland Police and Fire Civil Service Commission.

Reeves was appointed to the commission by Mayor William R. Wild in July of 2017 for a 6-year term and was elected to his new post during balloting Oct. 11.

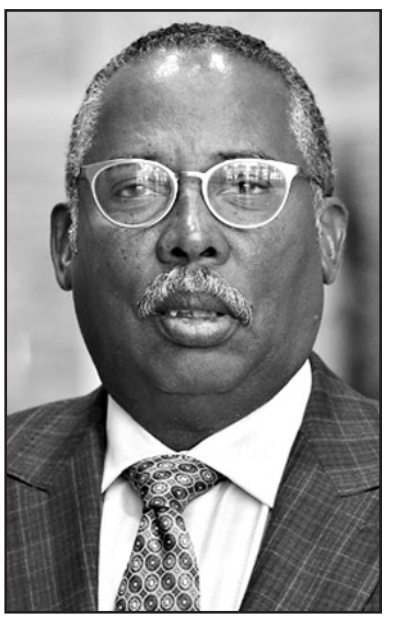
Reeves has lived in Westland with his wife, Gail, for 24 years. He served as a Washtenaw County Sheriff and retired after 32 years with the department. Reeves served on the Westland City Council from 2007 to 2016.

"A respected and highly-skilled professional, Dewey has committed the majority of his life to public service," noted Wild. "His election as president of the commission is well deserved as he has shown exemplary leadership throughout his life."

"I am humbled and appreciated to be elected to the position of president of the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission," commented Reeves.

"My objective is to continue to select the best qualified candidates for both the police and fire departments and to provide the citizens of Westland with the best public service men and woman possible."

The Police and Fire Civil Service Commission is a three-member body with one appointment by the mayor, one appointed by fire and police department employees, and one appointed by the commission. Public Act 78 of 1935 established this three-member commission to oversee the testing and hiring of police officers and fire fighters for Westland.



Dewey Reeves

Lunch is served

Fundraiser for Family Resource Center set

The Family Resource Center will serve a buffet lunch at Café Marquette in the William D. Ford Career Technical Center from 11:15 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14.

The minimum donation is $10 per person payable at the door. All donations received will be used to fund the Family Resource Center which assists students and families in need who are attending the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

For more information, contact Amanda Dybus at (734) 419-2709 or sybusa@wwcsd.net.

The center is located at 36455 Marquette Road in Westland. Cash donations to the center can be made payable to WWCS Family Resource Center and mailed to 36745 Marquette, Westland, 48185.

Hospital buys strip mall

Garden City Hospital may soon be in Westland.

The hospital has purchased property just west of Westland Shopping Center for an undisclosed amount and will build an ambulatory care facility at the Warren and Wayne Road location. The purchase is part of a multi-year expansion plan by hospital owner Prime Healthcare of California.

No further information was available or provided by the hospital. Westland Shopping Center is about 4.5 miles west of the current Garden City Hospital location. Malarkey's Irish Tavern is the only business currently open in the section expected to house the new health care facility. The property was purchased by Primecare which acquired the hospital in 2014.

Identity theft seminar set at HYPE

An attorney from the office of Attorney General Bill Schuette will discuss identity theft at a meeting set for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6 hosted by City of Wayne Senior Services.

Highlights of the presentation will include identifying the signs of identity theft and fraud, ways to protect personal information online and off and what to do in case of identity theft.

To preregister for the free meeting, call Wayne Senior Services, (734) 721-7460 ext. 7. The meeting will take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 How Road at Annapolis in Wayne.

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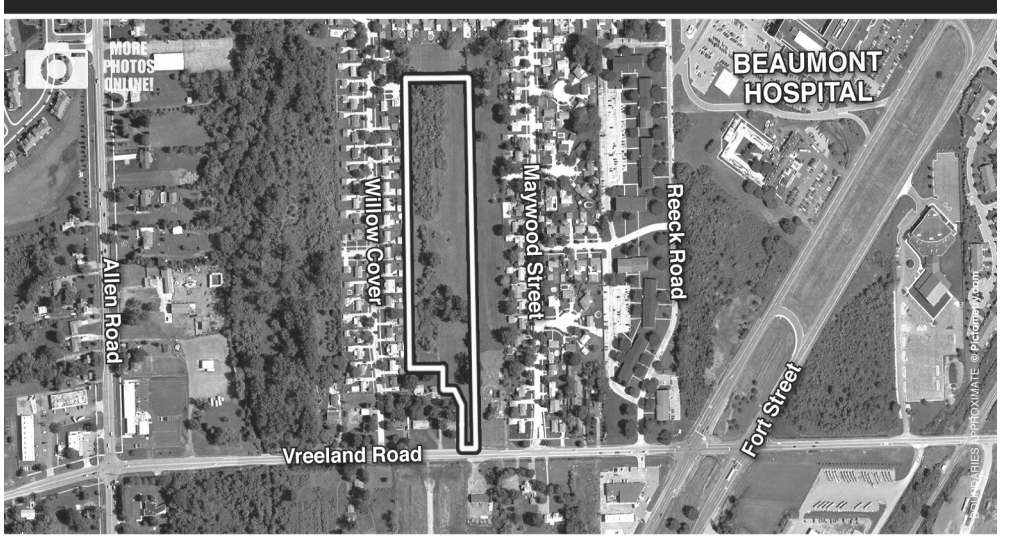

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Donations received will go to the Family Resource Center, which assists students and families in need, attending Wayne-Westland Community Schools. For further info, please contact Amanda Dybus at the Family Resource Center 734-419-2709, dybusa@wwcsd.net or mail donation to 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 ATTN: Family Resource Center. Please make checks payable to "WWCS Family Resource Center".

INKSTER - ROMULUS

Welcoming services set for new pastor

A very special welcome is being planned for the newest pastor at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church in Inkster.

The Rev. Cindy Rudolph will be honored at a welcome worship service sent for 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 at the church. There will be a reception with a meal immediately following the service.

Rudolph was appointed as the 18th pastor of Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, the first Black church in Inkster which was organized Oct. 5, 1924. She was named to her post by the Rt. Rev. John Franklin White, bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The Welcome Worship Service coincides with the nationally-recognized Clergy Appreciation Month.

Rudolph has been a minister for more than 17 years. She previously served as Senior Pastor at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Conowingo, ML and Bethel A.M.E. Church in Reading, PA. During her tenure, she launched new ministries, expanded community outreach, established children's programming and reduced debt at her posts, according to a prepared release.

Rudolph has also served as the Minister to Youth at St. James A.M.E. Church and at Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church. She is a graduate of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications. After working in mass media and corporate venues, she enrolled in Drew University in Madison, NJ to pursue her religious studies. Following her studies at both Drew and the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA, Rudolph received her Master of Divinity degree from Drew, graduating with Magna Cum Laude honors. She is also the recipient of several distinctive awards and honors and was ordained by the African Methodist Episcopal Church in April of 2002.

Rudolph and her husband, Dr. Lawrence Rudolph are the parents of a daughter, McKenna, 3.

Earlier this month, Rudolph led a Recommitment-Dedication-Coming Home service, the first in the history of the church.

Reservations for the Oct. 29 service are requested and available by contacting Dr. Myra Ford Jenkins, (313) 980-8007.

The Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church is located at 3505 Walnut St. in Inkster.

The Rev. Cindy Rudolph

Voters can meet council candidates on Monday

Romulus voters can 'Meet the Candidates' at a special event from 5:30 until 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30 at the Romulus Athletic Center.

The meeting is sponsored and organized by The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce and is open to the public.

Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff and Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg are unopposed in their bids for reelection while Treasurer Stacy Paige is being challenged by Ursula L. Wester.

Voters will be asked to choose seven from the field of city council candidates that includes: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Tomeka Boles, harry Crout, Sandra Crout, Edward Martell, Jess D. McAnally, Paris McCarthy, Celeste Roscoe, Tina M. Talley, William Wadsworth, Sharon L. Walker, Eva Webb and Virginia Williams. Abdo, Barden, Roscoe and Wadsworth are incumbents.

Light refreshments will be provided.

All candidates have been invited to participate in the meeting to allow the public to meet and speak with them on a personal level, according to a prepared statement from the chamber office.

The athletic center is located at 35765 Northline Road in Romulus.

For more information, contact the chamber office at (734) 893-0694 or admin@romuluschamber.org.

Amazon is on schedule

As state and regional officials attempt to lure additional investment and jobs from Amazon to the State of Michigan, projects already planned have moved at a brisk pace.

Officials from the state, Wayne County, Oakland County and regional interest groups are hoping to lure the retail giant to Michigan in an effort to bring millions in investment and as many as 50,000 jobs to support a new headquarters. Meanwhile, a distribution facility in Livonia has started to operate and construction on another, in Romulus, is well under way.

"The project is moving at light speed," said Tim Keyes, economic development director for the City of Romulus.

Initially dubbed 'Project Mercury,' the Amazon distribution center has quickly taken shape since it was announced just a few short months ago. Land has long been cleared on the site, which is off Ecorse Road, west of Middlebelt and near the I-94 interchange. The center will be an 865,000 square-foot building that will be constructed on 85 acres of land. It's expected to bring between 1,600 and 2,500 jobs to the community.

Romulus leaders have helped the developers make an ambitious timetable by approving all zoning as well as a $14 million bond issue to expand and reconstruct the roadways needed to support the facility. The plan will be to extend Vining Road north to Ecorse, reconstruct and expand about 4 miles of Ecorse Road and install the needed traffic control improvements. Keyes, along with Mayor Leroy Burcroff and other city officials, also successfully petitioned for a $5 million state incentive in Lansing.

Additional tax revenue from the $40 million project will fund the repayment of the bonds. Developers said they anticipate the facility will be operational next year.

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Calendar of events

Senior fitness classes offered

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging offers Senior Fitness Classes for those 55 and older. Classes offered include: Cardio Drumming, 9:30-10:30 Monday and 12:30-1:30 Tuesday; Zumba Gold, Monday, 11:30-12:30 Monday; Chair Tai Chi, 11:30-12:15 Tuesday; Cardio Fitness, 9:30-10:30 Wednesday and Chair Yoga, 10:30-11:15 Wednesday.

Classes are drop in and no membership required. All instructors are certified.

The classes take place at the Friendship Station, 43275 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 354-3222

$25,000 raffle under way

Tickets for the second annual Northville Educational Foundation $25,000 Cash For College Raffle are now available.

Tickets are priced at $50 each, or three for $100. Proceeds from the raffle benefit the Northville Educational Foundation and the 7,300 students in the district. If ticket sales total less than $50,000, the prize will revert to a 50/50 drawing with a minimum of a $1000 prize.

The drawing will take place at about 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at downtown the Northville Tree Lighting Ceremony in the town square just after the Holiday Lighted Parade. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

Tickets will be sold until the start of the parade Nov. 17, or until all 1500 tickets are sold, whichever comes first. Purchasers must be 18 or older.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.SupportNEF.org or in person at the Northville Educational Foundation office at 501 West Main St. in Northville.

Maybury corn maze is open

The annual corn maze is now open at Maybury Farm in Northville. The maze is 10-acres of corn cut into a farm scene to challenge adults and children. The maze takes about an hour and a half to complete. Those who find all 10 checkpoints can enter to win a grand prize awarded at the end of the season. Following the challenge of the corn maze, visitors can enjoy cider and donuts from Parmenter's, along with other tasty treats. The Maybury Farm Corn Maze is open from 5-10 p.m. Fridays, from noon until 10 p.m. Saturdays and from noon until 7 p.m. on Sundays.The last wagon leaves for the maze one hour prior to close.

The Corn Maze will be open through Oct. 29. Admission to the Maybury Farm corn maze is $7 per person and includes farm admission and a wagon ride to and from the maze. Free admission is offered to children ages 2 and younger.

Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation; the funds raised from the corn maze are used to help support the work of the farm, and their mission of connecting the community to animals and agriculture through hands-on experiences that are both engaging and educational.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. Parking is free. To learn more about autumn activities at the farm, visit www.mayburyfarm.org.

Parade entries sought

Entries for the Winter Fest Parade Dec. 2 are now being accepted at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, 248 Main St., Belleville, 48111.

Rules for parade entries require that the vehicle must be decorated with working lights. Vehicles with headlights that remain should cover them during participation as headlights distract other participants and judges. Music, however, is welcome.

For more information, or an entry form, contact the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce at (734) 697-7151.

Fun and Fabulous Friday planned

The Commission on Aging and the Inkster Police Department will host Fun and Fabulous Friday at 5 p.m. Oct. 27.

The event will include a catered dinner and karaoke along with other entertainment. The cost is $10 and all proceeds will go toward the Inkster Goodfellows.

Transportation is available. Tickets will be sold through Oct. 20. For tickets or more information call (734) 728-7530.

Healthy Living Walk planned

The Inkster Task Force and the Inkster Firefighters Local 1577 are planning a Healthy Living Day 5K Walk/Run Oct. 28 at the Inkster Valley Golf Course.

All race entries will include a race t-shirt, finishers medal, chip timing, online and printed results upon completion.

Registration and packet pick up begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K Run/Walk begins at 9 a.m. Packets can also be picked up from 3-8 p.m. at the Inkster Fire Department, 27717 Michigan Ave., Inkster.

Registration is $35 in advance or $40 on race day. A special $25 per person entry fee is available for groups of five.

Children younger than 6 race for free.

For information and registration, visit www.hokandirons5k.com

Trunk or Treat in Norwayne

The annual Norwayne Harvest Fest and Trunk or Treat event will take place from noon until 3 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, located at 32150 Dorsey.

Activities will include a petting zoo, pony rides, cider mill activities, lunch, trick or treating, face and pumpkin painting.

Jazz at The Elks Tuesday

Jazz at The Elks happens on the last Tuesday of the month from 7 until 9:30 p.m. There is a $10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers. Tuesday, Oct. 31 brings the Elks debut of the Shahida Nurulla Quartet with Nurulla on vocals, Rich Michaels on drums, Ray Tini on bass, and Chuck Shermetaro on keyboard.

Nurulla is deeply rooted in the Detroit jazz and blues scene and has performed all over the world. In addition to her performing, she is a University of Windsor special instructor in jazz and pop voice.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Garden Club to meet

Members of The Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Nov. 1 at Ward Presbyterian Church near doors six and seven on the east side of the building.

Speakers at the meeting are Michigan Division President Mary Schwark and Rita Urbanski, President of the Women's Farm and Garden National Association.

Interested guests are welcome.

The church is located at 40000 West Six Mile Road in Northville

For more information contact Teri Plaunt, (734) 751-8619.

Jubo music method explained

The Jubo Method is a new music program designed for any person who wants to play, read and compose music on day one.

This new entry-level instrument approach utilizes a simple instrument, innovative methodology and easy-to-read notation system. Within minutes the mastery of the scale and sight-reading initiates the player toward forming a solid mastery of the basics in music and the performance of worthwhile music repertory.

Jubo will be explained during a class from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Nov. 1 presented by the Friends of the Wayne Public Library. Instruments will be provided for the event, and will be available for purchase.

To register for this free program, visit the Adult Reference Desk or call the library at (734)-721-7832

The library is located at 3737 S. Wayne Road in Wayne.

Engineering for children classes set

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will sponsor an engineering class for children ages 8-13. Mechanical Engineering is a seven-week course from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 2 through Dec. 21 from at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Students will learn the basics of fluid mechanics, simple machines and other design and engineering concepts. Allergy alert: eggs and latex are used in some of the experiments. This class is open to participants ages 8-13. Cost is $140 for city of Plymouth residents and $155 for non-residents.

Registration can be found online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6620, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

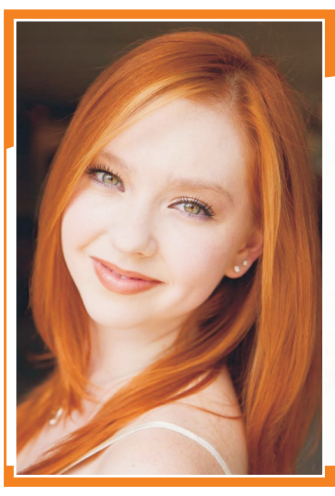
Voting guide available

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is offering assistance to residents who will be voting Nov. 7. There are elections in almost all Michigan cities this November.

The league is offering an on-line voter guide to voters with city elections. Visit VOTE411.org to read and compare candidate responses to relevant issues. VOTE411.org also helps voters find their polling place, check voting hours, learn about ballot measures, and read tips about voting in Michigan. Voters need simple, helpful tools to help them navigate the voting process and Election Day. VOTE411.org is the premiere online election resource, organizers said. Print versions of the voter guide are available in the libraries with contested city council elections.

The league also sponsored city council candidate forums in Belleville. Videos of those forums can be accessed at LWVnorthwestwayne.org.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization that never supports or opposes candidates or political parties. Voters are urged to learn about their candidates from a trusted source of election information by visiting VOTE411.org and LWVnorthwestwayne.org before ballots are cast.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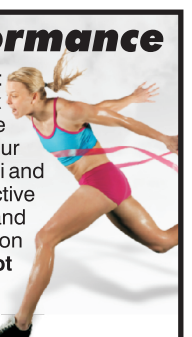
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